

Confirmation Sunday, May 3, 2015
Traditional Service ~ 9:30 am



Greetings and Announcements (Please pass the attendance pads at this time.)

Prelude "Wonderful Words of Life" J. Raney

* Call To Worship

Leader God of the Ages, we come today as your people who have been called to rise up and follow you. We are pilgrims, travelers making our way.

People We sojourn on the ancient pathways of the saints. We walk the same highway and follow the same landmarks which led them.

Leader Today we celebrate tomorrow's leaders, the heroes and heroines of a history yet to be made.

People We hold out our hands to them and beckon them to join us on the journey.

Leader Today we celebrate a new generation of faith, your daughters and sons, drawn to the cross of Jesus Christ and trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People Let us welcome them into this church community, as we all worship God together and share God's love with the world! Amen.

* Hymn of Celebration "God of the Ages" No. 698

Unison Prayer

Wonderful, amazing God, we gather as those who have caught a glimpse of your glory and goodness. Your love has surrounded us from our birth and drawn us to yourself. Thank you for calling us into this community of faith. Help us to love you, one another and the world with the love revealed to us in Jesus Christ. In his name we pray, Amen.

First Scripture Reading Psalm 22:25-31
Lizzie Foley, Confirmation Class of 2014

Anthem "When the Saints Go Marching In" J. Rutter
Adult Choir

Words of Wisdom and Blessing for Our Confirmands

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Musical Response "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" K. Medema

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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Second Scripture Reading John 15:1-8
Austin Becker, Confirmation Class of 2014

Sermon "The Life-Giving Vine" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Offering / Offertory "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" C. Berry

* Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 94

* Prayer of Dedication

A Celebration of Confirmation (See insert)

* Hymn of Praise "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" No. 160, verses 1, 3, & 5

* Benediction John Wesley's Rule

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can! Amen.

Postlude "Trumpet Tune" J. Carter



* Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's Scripture Passage

John 15:1-8

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.



Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2015!
May God richly bless you as you continue on your faith journey.



*The flowers in this morning's services are given by Herb and Mary Spooner,
with love to their daughters Kerry and Erin.*

Many thanks to the following people for helping with our services this morning:

Sound Tech: Jesse Nixon ***Greeter:*** Bettylou Miller

Acolytes: Anna Becker, Sofia Sapp

May Ushers: (9:30) Rob Kilmer, Bob Kowal, Chris Skinner, Wes Swearingin

Coffee Fellowship: Please join us for coffee and refreshments
following the service, hosted by Jan Grigsby.

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Pastors: Jamie Hanna Williams, Stephen C. Williams

Contemporary Service ~ May 3, 2015, 11:00 am

Countdown

Welcome & Announcements

* Song "Everlasting God" B. Brown

* Song "Shine, Jesus, Shine" G. Kendrick

Scripture Psalm 22:25-31

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture John 15:1-8

Sermon "The Life-Giving Vine" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

* Closing Song "Step by Step" D. Strasser

* *Benediction*

Children are welcome in worship. We enjoy having kids with us in worship but there is also a special program for them called Kids Own Worship that meets in room 201 during the service. Nursery care is available for infants and toddlers in Room 100.

Please fill in the registration sheet that is passed around so you will be kept informed about what's happening at the church. Thank you for including your email address.

The Offering we give is both an act of thanks and faith – a way to offer back to God some of the blessings we have received and a response of trust that God will take care of us as we rely upon him. You are invited to place your gifts in the Offering Plate as you leave.

Worship Team: Woody Bedell, Jeff Brown, Jeff Davis, Jeanette Frisbey,
Tom Seibert, Tim Tonon, Jamie Twedell

Multimedia Coordinators: Mark and Janet Mason

UMCL News & Notes

CONSTRUCTION NEWS...

- **Building Access during construction**—Beginning tomorrow, the Sanctuary will be closed for construction. The Fellowship Hall, Brainerd and parking lot entrances will remain open, but it will not be possible to walk through the sanctuary between Fellowship Hall and the Education Wing.
- **Sunday School**—Remember that kids need to be dropped off in room 206 (the big room) in the Education Wing prior to the start of service. They will remain in Sunday School for the entire worship hour. Parents, please come to your children's individual classrooms to pick them up after the service. The same applies for Kids Own Worship but please drop off and pick up kids in room 201 before and after service.
- **Please see our website for the most current construction and building details:** www.umcl.org

TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF THE UMW RUMMAGE SALE! The handwriting may be on the wall but it's not on the Rummage Sale sign-up board and the Sale Chairmen are getting anxious. Experience shows that some helpers come and work but do not sign up. Be brave. Show that you are willing to support this Church tradition. Sign up. We especially need help this afternoon at 2:00 PM, for set-up and Friday morning at 9:00 AM to take money and maintain displays. You can also become a supporter by donating lunch food during the week or money to purchase food. Please, when you bring in the things you are donating to the Sale plan to stay for an hour or more to help. Working at the Rummage Sale is an indirect way that you can support some local charitable and service organizations. Hope to see you there! ~ Beth (bethcmarch@aol.com; 847-367-5175), Barb (BarbPlohr@Comcast.net; 847-367-5556)

PRIME TIME LUNCH (\$5) is planned for **Monday, May 11, at Noon** (second Monday of May, due to the Rummage Sale). As a courtesy to the lunch preparers, please sign up BEFORE 10:00 AM on Friday May 8, at the church office (847-362-2112 or info@umcl.org). See you there!

SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKOUT SUNDAY! May 24 is our first Breakout Sunday, where Sunday School will "breakout" of the classroom and meet outside! (weather permitting) Please pick your kids up in the Grove following the 9:30 AM service on May 24. If you are interested in helping with this fun event please contact Amanda Seibert at Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org.

HELPING HANDS FURNITURE PICK-UP is planned for **Saturday, May 30**. All donated items should be in good condition and need to be reviewed before pick-up to be sure the items can be used. Please call the church office to make arrangements.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE SENIORS! We would like to recognize you in the bulletin and/or in person on Sunday, May 31, for your graduation! Please call or email the church office by Wednesday, May 20, with your graduation details and if you'll be attending worship on May 31.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL teachers are needed May through August! Since people are busy with summer travel we are changing our teaching commitment to a week at a time. This means we need A LOT more volunteers than usual! Sign up to help: Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org!

PADS SUMMER LUNCHESES—We have committed to making 40 lunches the second Tuesday of each month for the next months. Sign up: Cathy O'Brien (cobrien1021@hotmail.com or 847-367-8062).

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE—If nothing ever changed, there would be no butterflies. If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please contact Kevin Garren (847-816-7340), Mary Spooner (847-548-3703) or the Pastors.

Reception into the United Methodist Church

Ben Hallett

As members of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.

Reception into the United Methodist Church of Libertyville

Sarah Mitchell

As newly confirmed members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service?

I will.

Commendation and Welcome

Members of the household of God, I commend these young people to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Blessing and Celebration

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

Applause and General Rejoicing!!

Confirmation Class of 2015

David Christian Acevedo

Aliya Jai Haddon

Samuel Alfonso Acevedo

Abbey Kaylene Hansen

Teresa Belle Aumuller

Catherine Elizabeth Hebbeln

Allison Sarah Becker

John Thomas Joyce

Mitchell Price Brockman

Abby Adair Kamai

Brandon Michael Brown

Kevin Kaya

Faith Lucille Conway

Quinn David Lutz

Mikaila Esther Corrigan

Adam William Nostrand

Lauren Elizabeth Ellis

Jonathon Michael Palmieri

William David Ferro

Amanda Katherine Powell

Taylor Lynn Filicette

Alexandria Hope Sapp

James David Grayson

Parker Schleuning

Thomas Guiard

*A Celebration of Confirmation
The United Methodist Church of Libertyville
May 3, 2015*

Introduction to the Service

*Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams
Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ: through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Through confirmation, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy church.

Presentation of the Candidates

Ben Hallett and Sarah Mitchell

*David Christian Acevedo, Samuel Alfonso Acevedo, Teresa Belle Aumuller
Allison Sarah Becker, Mitchell Price Brockman, Brandon Michael Brown,
Faith Lucille Conway, Mikaila Esther Corrigan, Lauren Elizabeth Ellis,
William David Ferro, Taylor Lynn Filicette, James David Grayson, Thomas Guiard,
Aliya Jai Haddon (Holy Baptism), Abbey Kaylene Hansen,
Catherine Elizabeth Hebbeln, John Thomas Joyce, Abby Adair Kamai, Kevin Kaya,
Quinn David Lutz, Adam William Nostrand, Jonathon Michael Palmieri,
Amanda Katherine Powell, Alexandria Hope Sapp, Parker Schleuning*

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

On behalf of the whole church I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

According to the grace given you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

I will.

Will you, their parents, family members and friends, support and encourage them in their Christian faith?

We will.

The Apostles' Creed

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Holy Baptism and Confirmation

*(Name), the Lord defend you with his heavenly grace and by his Spirit confirm you in the faith and fellowship of all true disciples of Jesus Christ. **Amen.***